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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Projects for the Vice President

1. Last week Vice President Rockefeller, through his Assistant for National Security Affairs, Captain Jon Howe, asked for information on Soviet influence and political activities around the world. The information was requested in two forms:

- a list of Communist countries in the Soviet orbit, as distinct from China's sphere of influence, plus those non-Communist countries we consider to be strongly influenced by the Soviet Union;
- A list of countries in which the USSR is significantly involved in clandestine political activity, or is supporting an insurgency or war of national liberation.

2. [redacted] of the OCI Methodology and Technology Staff, who worked on a similar project for the Vice President last year, took on the task of answering the first part of the request. He suggested making the response in four categories instead of the suggested two, viz:

- Nations aligned with the USSR;
- Communist nations moderately influenced by the USSR;
- Non-Communist nations strongly influenced by the USSR;
- Non-Communist nations moderately influenced by the USSR.

The countries included in each category were checked with OCI's Soviet Foreign Policy Branch and appropriate analysts in other divisions. OGCR prepared a map indicating in colors which countries were in each category.

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3. Howe said later that Mr. Rockefeller was delighted with the map and had carried it off, "perhaps to show Kissinger."

25X1 4. [REDACTED] of the Soviet Foreign Policy Branch developed the response to the second request. His attached lists--of countries in which the Soviets are engaged in political activity, and those in which they are supporting insurgencies--were coordinated with Directorate of Operations through [REDACTED] assistant to the DDO.

25X1 5. [REDACTED] said there was great concern among his colleagues that Mr. Rockefeller might publicly identify, in a speech, the countries cited as targets of active Soviet subversion, pointing out that this could be embarrassing if officials of those countries were to ask for our evidence. I obtained and conveyed to [REDACTED] Captain Howe's assurance that he would counsel the Vice President against public identification of these countries, although Howe was sure Mr. Rockefeller had no such intention.

25X1 6. Howe subsequently said that the list of countries in which the Soviets are engaged in political or subversive activity looked too short to him. I explained to him that we too were sure that other countries should be on the list, but that proof of Soviet activity was lacking except for the countries listed.

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Chief, White House Support Staff

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Attachments:

1. Nations Aligned with  
of Influenced by USSR  
(List and Map)
2. Countries in which the  
Soviets <sup>are</sup> Engaged in  
Subversive Political  
Activity or are Actively  
Supporting Insurgencies

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